

# Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application No.	10/523,443
Filing Date	January 31, 2005
Named Inventor(s)	
Robert Lance Cook, et al.	
Group/Art Unit	3672
Examiner Name	Thomas S. Bomar
Attorney Docket No.	14147.105111US

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice. Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (mar. 20, 2000); 1222 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

## I. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_, (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449 Form (1-pg.).
- ii. ☒ Amendment and Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.
- iii. ☐ Terminal Disclaimer.
- iv. ☐ Revocation of Previous and Appointment of New Power of Attorney with Rule 3.73(b) Statement.

## 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)

- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 11-0980.
- i. ☒ RCE Fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) [Fee: \$405.00]
- ii. ☐ Terminal Disclaimer.
- iii. ☐ Other - One month extension of time fee
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ enclosed
- c. ☒ Payment by credit card via EFS-WEB in the amount of \$810.00 for the RCE and \$1050.00 for 3-month extension of time

Signature of Applicant, Attorney or Agent Required

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:	)	
ROBERT LANCE COOK, ET AL.	)	Group Art Unit: 3672
	)	
Serial No: 10/523,443	)	Examiner: BOMAR, THOMAS S.
	)	
Filed: January 31, 2005	)	Confirmation No.: 3853
	)	
For: METHOD OF FORMING A MONO	)	Atty Docket: 25791.111.03
DIAMETER WELLBORE CASING	)	(K&S 14147.105111)
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION, AMENDMENT AND  
RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED JULY 26, 2007**

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed July 26, 2007, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments to the claims and arguments in support thereof. Applicants have filed a Request for Continued Examination and a petition for 3-month extension of time up to and including January 26, 2008, with this Amendment and Response.

Amendments to the claims are shown in the Listing of Claims which begin on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this Response.

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